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Poultry News

Rancho Poultry to open \$43 million facility in Ky.

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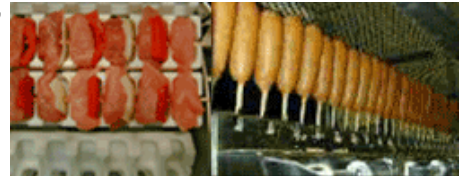
Rancho Poultry will open a processing facility in Lebanon, Ky., that will bring 250 jobs to the area, Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear and Economic Development Cabinet Secretary John Hindeman announced.

The 100,000-square-foot plant will be built for \$43 million, and will be capable of processing 60 million pounds of partially cooked, battered and breaded chicken products each year. A third product line, which would add an additional 50 jobs, is already being considered by the company.

Rancho Poultry is a supplier of processed chicken to restaurants and foodservice establishments such as McDonald's.

"We are excited and proud to become members of the Lebanon community," said Ed Sanchez, president and CEO of Rancho Poultry, in a statement. "We intend to be a world-class company."

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority granted Rancho Poultry tax benefits as high as \$7.5 million to build the facility. The benefits fall under the Kentucky Rural Economic Development Act, a program designed to increase manufacturing employment in the state.



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